

## 2016 Lightning Fatalities

In 2016, there were 38 lightning fatalities, up 11 from the 27 in 2015, and above the 10 year average of 30. Florida again numbered the most victims with 9, followed by Louisiana and New York with 4. In 2016, the most dangerous place to be was outside doing chores, fishing, boating or engaging in other non-team sports, where 18 (47%) people died. The next most dangerous place was under a tree, where 10 deaths (26%) occurred. As is true in most years, males deaths, 29 (76%), were dramatically more than female, 9 (24%). The hardest hit age range was adults aged 20-39, with 18 (47%) deaths, but lightning fatalities occurred in all but the over 80+ categories.

### 2016 Lightning Fatalities by State and Location

State	BF	BO	CA	EQ	GF	IW	OT	OU	TE	UT	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
AZ (Arizona)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CO (Colorado)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
FL (Florida)	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	1	9
LA (Louisiana)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	4
MI (Michigan)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
MO (Missouri)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MS (Mississippi)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
NC (North Carolina)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
NY (New York)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
OH (Ohio)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
PA (Pennsylvania)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TN (Tennessee)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TX (Texas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
UT (Utah)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
VA (Virginia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WI (Wisconsin)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	0	2	0	3	0	2	3	18	0	10	38
<b>Percent</b>	0.00	5.26	0.00	7.89	0.00	5.26	7.89	47.37	0.00	26.32	

### 2016 Lightning Fatalities by Age and Gender

#### Legend

BF -	Ball Field
BO -	Boating
CA -	Camping
EQ -	Heavy Equipment/Construction
GF -	Golfing
IW -	In Water
OT -	Other
OU -	Outside/Open Areas
TE -	Telephone
UT -	Under Tree

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	0	2	0	2	5.26
10 to 19	1	2	0	3	7.89
20 to 29	2	9	0	11	28.95
30 to 39	3	4	0	7	18.42
40 to 49	0	6	0	6	15.79
50 to 59	2	2	0	4	10.53
60 to 69	1	1	0	2	5.26
70 to 79	0	3	0	3	7.89
80 to 89	0	0	0	0	0.00
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	9	29	0	38	
<b>Percent</b>	23.68	76.32	0.00		